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K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" A doubt arose in my mind out of the answer given by the Hon. Minister, because he said that these questions are being examined in the Secretariat for the past six months . . . ."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" It was also said that the results were published and made available to the Members."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" It was said that they would be published and would be made available."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I draw the attention of the Hon. Minister that in view of what all he has said, very little provision has been made to carry out many of these items in the Budget for 1947-48 and in view of the strong feeling here and outside, whether he would see that some at least of the recommendations of which the Madras Government are in favour are given effect to in the near future?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Whatever is possible will be done, Sir."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I want to say a word of explanation. These are extensive schemes of health services and from the point of view of finance, they come under a spending department. Therefore unless due provision is made in the Budget for the year, these schemes cannot be taken up as often as may be necessary or as often as one may wish. In this Budget, the allotment made is rather poor and I do not know whether the Government will be justified in accepting a proposition of that sort."

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN SAHIB :—" May I ask, Sir, how many health centres are going to be started this year in this Province? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The budget proposals must give some information to the hon. Membetr."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" As the Hon. the Leader of the House himself says that the provision made is poor, will the Government consider the matter again and bring forward some supplementary demands and we will be glad to consider them?"

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member means perhaps pass them." (Laughter.)

X-ray apparatus for Royapetta Tuberculosis Hospital.

* 147 *Q.*—MRS. MONA HENSMAN (on behalf of Mrs. M. N. Clubwala: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Tuberculosis Hospital at Royapetta is provided with X-ray apparatus;

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(*b*) whether even serious cases have to be sent to the General Hospital for obtaining X-ray photographs; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to instal an X-ray apparatus in this hospital?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) They are sent to the Tuberculosis Institute at Egmore and not to the General Hospital, Madras.

" (*c*) The Government have already sanctioned the expenditure for the construction of four blocks of 18 beds each in the Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Tambaram, for transferring the patients in the Tuberculosis Hospital, Royapetta, and it is therefore not proposed at present, to instal an X-ray apparatus in this hospital.

" After receipt of this answer, I understand that action has been taken to have a screening apparatus in the hospital at Royapetta."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" There are two questions, Nos. 122 and 123 left over from the 29th March on which we may be allowed to put supplementary questions."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" They concern the Minister for Education and the Minister for Public Information. Does the Hon. Minister agree to answer questions now? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" The answer has already been placed on the table."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" The nature of the work entrusted to the officers of this department is detailed in answer to clause (*e*). Is it the intention of the Government to set up another organization different from the existing district organization to collect the facts and submit them to the Public Information Officer here without any verification by the head of the district? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Any information that will be collected will certainly be verified before it is issued."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Who is the verifying authority? Will these officers work under the Collector of the district? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I may just inform the hon. Member that these staffs have not yet been appointed. There are proposals pending before the Government in the light of the Government Order already issued and appointments were proposed to be made but no decision has been taken."

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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I take it that the Government are not committed to this scheme, that it is still under their consideration and that no expenditure will be incurred by making these appointments? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" These are the appointments that have been suggested as per the proposals already made. And as per the proposals these appointments are expected to be made. But in view of the necessity for going into the question about the nature of the work they have got to do and several other matters, the question of appointments is now not yet completed. It will be taken up some time later if there is need for the appointment of these officers."

MR. K. O. ANTHONI :—" Certain appointments were referred to on the floor of the House on 10th February last as having been made, I mean the appointments of Deputy Directors."

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I think the answer to clause (*d*) gives the information regarding the staff."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" The number of copies of the Urdu edition is not given. May I know the number, Sir? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member perhaps means the Hindustani edition in the Arabic script as distinct from the Devanagari script."

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I want notice, Sir."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Sir, it is stated in answer to clause (*h*) that the Hindi portion is intended mostly to educate the public in Northern India regarding the work of the Madras Ministry and the cultural heritage of the South, may I ask, Sir, whether that purpose will be fulfilled if the Hindi edition alone is published without publishing an Urdu edition in view of the fact that a large proportion of the people in Northern India know Urdu rather than Hindi? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" The suggestion to publish an Urdu edition also will be considered if necessary. So far as I can see from the files, there is provision made to print an edition in Urdu script also. It does not state the number of copies printed. I shall see that sufficient number of copies are printed in that script."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I ask, Sir, whether the Government are aware that the object of educating the public in Northern India regarding the work of the Madras Ministry and the cultural heritage of the South will best be achieved by the publication of 'Madras Information' in Urdu rather in Hindi? "

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THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" That is a matter of opinion, Sir."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Which is the language which the population concerned knows better, Sir, and will not the object be better achieved . . . ?"

MR. PRESIDENT :—" What is the hon. Member's question? Does he want the Government not to publish it in Hindi at all?"

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Not at all, Sir. It may be published in Hindi. But if the object is to educate the public of Northern India regarding the work of the Madras Ministry and the cultural heritage of the South, will that object be achieved by publishing a Hindi edition alone while a large proportion of the population of Northern India knows, speaks and writes Urdu rather than Hindi and the Hindi-speaking population is comparatively small?"

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I think the Hon. Minister has already said that the journal is printed in Urdu script also."

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I do not accept the proposition of the hon. Member that the people in Northern India who know Hindi are less than those who know Urdu and the Urdu script."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" It is a matter of census, Sir."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Is it a fact that only a small number of copies of 'Madras Information' are circulated and that the rest are allowed to lie waste in the office?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" All the copies are printed for circulation. I do not know whether copies are left over in the office. If my hon. Friend has any information and if he passes on the information to me, I shall see that such waste is prevented and that all the copies printed are circulated."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Because there is a general complaint that a number of copies are allowed to lie waste in the office and that there is a large waste of money, will the Hon. Minister kindly make enquiries?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" No waste of public money will be allowed. If there are copies that are not circulated, I can assure the hon. Member that they will certainly be circulated, and if there is no need for circulation, the number of copies printed will be reduced."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I know why this Government are anxious to educate the public in Northern India regarding the work of the Madras Ministry and the cultural heritage of the South?"

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THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" It is not anxiety, but necessity for the Government to see that the public in the North know what the Madras Government are doing."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I know whether this Government are responsible to the public of Northern India or to the public of this Province, and whether this procedure is adopted by any other Provincial Government in Northern India or elsewhere? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I cannot say to my hon. Friend at once whether this practice is there in other Provinces or not. Any good practice, whether it exists elsewhere or not, should be started somewhere. If my hon. Friend is convinced that it is good, there is nothing wrong in Madras starting it."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether Hindi is the regional language of any area in this Presidency? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" So far as I know, no."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" If the intention of the Government is to do propaganda in Northern India, is it worthwhile spending about Re. 1·1 lakh per annum on printing so many copies of the ' Madras Information? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Only a thousand copies are printed in Hindi, Sir."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]**

II.—MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I have to announce to the House the following message, dated Fort St. George, 31st March 1947, received by me from the Hon'ble the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly :—

' In accordance with rule 108 of the Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Removal of Civil Disabilities (Amendment) Bill, 1947 (L.C. Bill No. 1 of 1947), as agreed to by the Assembly without any amendment and signed by me.'

" I have to announce to the House the following messages, dated Fort St. George, the 1st April 1947, have been received by me from the Hon'ble the Speaker of the Madras Legislative Assembly :—

' 1. In accordance with rule 94 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Temple Entry Authorization Bill, 1947 (L.A. Bill No. 9 of 1947), as passed by the Assembly on the 1st of April 1947 and signed by me for the concurrence of the Council.'